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This is a request for filing a Continuation x Divisional Continuation-in-Part patent application, under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior patent application Serial Number 10/037,386, filed on December 21, 2001, in the name of Ronald Michalski et al., for LINEAR STAMP APPLICATOR MACHINE AND METHOD OF OPERATING THE SAME.

1. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior patent application, including the declaration, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the latest inventor-signed prior patent application Serial Number 10/037,386, which application was originally filed on December 21, 2001; and furthermore, that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true, that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements or the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements or the like so made may jeopardize the validity of the patent application or any patent issuing therefrom.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

				SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY
BASIC FEE				\$ 385		\$ 770
	No. Filed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	13 - 20	-0-	x \$ 9.00	\$	x \$18.00	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS	2 - 3	-0-	x \$ 42.00	\$	x \$84.00	\$
TOTAL FEE				\$		\$

x 2. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 23-0818. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached hereto.

x 3. Cancel in this patent application original Claims 1-8 of the prior patent application before calculating the filing fee as noted hereinabove.

x 4. Amend the specification of this patent application by inserting before the first line thereof the sentence: This patent application is a Continuation x Divisional Continuation-in-Part patent application of prior United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/037,386, which was filed on December 21, 2001.

5 5. Priority of patent application Serial Number _____, which was filed on _____, in _____, is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified copy of the priority document has been filed in the prior United States Patent Application Serial Number _____, which was filed on _____.

x 6. The prior patent application is assigned of record to
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

x 7. A preliminary amendment is enclosed herewith.

8 8. A verified statement claiming small entity status is enclosed in the prior patent application Serial Number _____, which was filed on _____, and is still valid and proper.

x 9. An Information Disclosure Statement, Citation, and Prior Art documents are enclosed herewith.


10 10. Also enclosed are _____.

x 11. The Power of Attorney in the prior patent application is to:
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- a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior patent application.
- b. x Since the power does not appear in the original papers of the prior patent application, a copy of the power as filed in the prior patent application is enclosed herewith.
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